

REMARKS

In the Office Action of March 10, 2008, in paragraph 1, there was an objection to the specification as not including an Abstract.

An Abstract as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b) has now been provided on a separate page.

Claim 14 has been amended to correct a grammatical error.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-17, 19, 20, 22-25, 27-35, 37 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dowden (GB2342536A) in view of Chow (US 20030185203 A1).

Claims 18 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dowden (GB2342536A) in view of Chow (US 20030185203 A1) further in view of Deeds (US 20040203610 A1).

It is first noted that Deeds was published on October 14, 2004. This is after the priority date of October 13, 2004 of the present application and the priority date is hereby asserted based on the priority application which was filed with the International Bureau (IB) during the International stage of this PCT national phase application. Deeds is therefore not relevant prior art for obviousness rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)/103(a).

As the Examiner has stated on page 10 of the Official Action, Dowden does not particularly refer to the communication device activating a ring-tone when the message is being received by the gateway. Although Deeds is cited for this feature, Deeds was published only after the time the invention was made. It would therefore not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Dowden and have it include the communication device activating a ring-tone when the message is being received by the gateway.

Without Deeds as prior art, it appears there is no valid rejection of claims 18 and 36.

Claims 1, 19 and 37 have been amended to include the limitation of claim 18 or 36, that the communication device or phone activates a ringtone when the message is being received by the gateway. Claims 18 and 36 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 19 and 37 are now seen as novel and nonobvious over the relevant prior art (Deeds excluded). The remaining claims, being dependent on claims 1, 19 or 37, are thus also patentable for at least the same reasons as claims 1, 19 and 37.

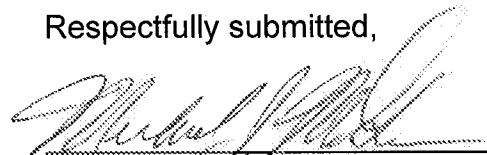
In addition, Applicants would like to mention that Valloppillil (US 20040137921 A1), cited against claim 42, was published only after the priority date of the present application. Valloppillil, therefore, is not relevant prior art for obviousness rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the Amendment and Remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. After the Amendment, claims 1-17, 19-35 and 37-42 are still pending and a Notice of Allowance for these claims is earnestly solicited.

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